117TH CONGRESS
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To establish the César E. Chávez and the Farmworker Movement National
Historical Park in the States of California and Arizona, and for other
purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. PADILLA (for himself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on

A BILL

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ment National Historical Park in the States of California
and Arizona, and for other purposes.

1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
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4 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
5 This Act may be cited as the “César E. Chávez and
6 the Farmworker Movement National Historical Park
7 Act”.
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9 SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.
10 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—
was established by Presidential Proclamation 8884 (54 U.S.C. 320301 note) for the purposes of protecting and interpreting the nationally significant resources associated with the property in Keene, California, known as “Nuestra Señora Reina de la Paz”; (2) Nuestra Señora Reina de la Paz—
(A) served as the national headquarters of the United Farm Workers; and
(B) was the home and workplace of César E. Chávez, the family of César E. Chávez, union members, and supporters of César E. Chávez;
(3) while the César E. Chávez National Monument marks the extraordinary achievements and contributions to the history of the United States by César E. Chávez and the farmworker movement, there are other significant sites in the States of California and Arizona that are important to the story of the farmworker movement; and
(4) in the study conducted by the National Park Service entitled “Cesar Chavez Special Resource Study and Environmental Assessment” and submitted to Congress on October 24, 2013, the National Park Service—
(A)(i) found that several sites associated with César E. Chávez and the farmworker movement—

(I) are suitable for inclusion in the National Park System; and

(II) depict a distinct and important aspect of the history of the United States not otherwise adequately represented at existing units of the National Park System; and

(ii) recommended that Congress establish a national historical park to honor the role that César E. Chávez played in lifting up the lives of farmworkers; and

(B)(i) found that the route of the 1966 march from Delano to Sacramento, California—

(I) is eligible for National Historic Landmark status; and

(II) meets the criteria for designation as a national historic trail; and

(ii) recommended that the National Park Service work with partner organizations and agencies to provide for interpretation programs
along the route of the 1966 march from Delano
to Sacramento, California.

(b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this Act is to estab-
lish the César E. Chávez and the Farmworker Movement
National Historical Park—

(1) to help preserve, protect, and interpret the
nationally significant resources associated with
César E. Chávez and the farmworker movement;

(2) to interpret and provide for a broader un-
derstanding of the extraordinary achievements and
contributions to the history of the United States
made by César E. Chávez and the farmworker move-
ment; and

(3) to support and enhance the network of sites
and resources associated with César E. Chávez and
the farmworker movement.

SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act:

(1) HISTORICAL PARK.—The term “historical
park” means the César E. Chávez and the Farm-
worker Movement National Historical Park estab-
lished by section 4(a).

(2) MAP.—The term “map” means the map en-
titled “César Chávez National Historical Park Pro-
posed Boundary”, numbered 502/179857, and dated March 2022.

(3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Interior.

(4) STATE.—The term “State” means each of—

(A) the State of California; and

(B) the State of Arizona.

(5) STUDY.—The term “Study” means the study conducted by the National Park Service entitled “Cesar Chavez Special Resource Study and Environmental Assessment” and submitted to Congress on October 24, 2013.

SEC. 4. CÉSAR E. CHÁVEZ AND THE FARMWORKER MOVEMENT NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in the States a unit of the National Park System, to be known as the “César E. Chávez and the Farmworker Movement National Historical Park”.

(b) BOUNDARY.—The boundary of the historical park shall include the following areas, as generally depicted on the map:

(1) The Forty Acres in Delano, California.
(2) César E. Chávez National Monument, which includes Nuestra Señora Reina de la Paz, in Keene, California.

(3) Santa Rita Center in Phoenix, Arizona.

(c) ADDITIONAL SITE.—On written agreement by the Secretary and the owner of the property indicating support for the inclusion, the Secretary may include within the boundary of the historical park McDonnell Hall in San Jose, California, as generally depicted on the map.

(d) AVAILABILITY OF MAP.—The map shall be available for public inspection in the appropriate offices of the National Park Service.

(e) LAND ACQUISITION.—The Secretary may acquire land and interests in land that are within the boundary of the historical park by—

(1) donation;

(2) purchase with donated or appropriated funds; or

(3) exchange.

(f) CÉSAR E. CHÁVEZ NATIONAL MONUMENT.—Notwithstanding the inclusion of the César E. Chávez National Monument within the boundaries of the historical park, the César E. Chávez National Monument shall continue to be administered as a distinct and identifiable unit
of the National Park System in accordance with Presidential Proclamation 8884 (54 U.S.C. 320301 note).

(g) Administration.—

(1) In general.—The Secretary shall administer the historical park in accordance with—

(A) this section; and

(B) the laws generally applicable to units of the National Park System, including—

(i) section 100101(a), chapter 1003, and sections 100751(a), 100752, 100753, and 102101 of title 54, United States Code; and

(ii) chapter 3201 of title 54, United States Code.

(2) Interpretation.—The Secretary may provide technical assistance and public interpretation of historic sites, museums, and resources on land not administered by the Secretary relating to the life of César E. Chávez and the history of the farmworker movement.

(3) Cooperative agreements.—The Secretary may enter into cooperative agreements with the States, local governments, public and private organizations, and individuals to provide for the pres-
ervation, development, interpretation, and use of the historical park.

(h) GENERAL MANAGEMENT PLAN.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 3 years after the date on which funds are made available to carry out this section, the Secretary shall prepare a general management plan for the historical park in accordance with section 100502 of title 54, United States Code.

(2) ADDITIONAL SITES.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The general management plan shall include a determination of whether there are—

(i) sites located in the Coachella Valley in the State of California that were reviewed in the Study that should be added to the historical park;

(ii) additional representative sites in the States that were reviewed in the Study that should be added to the historical park;

or

(iii) sites outside of the States in the United States that relate to the farm-worker movement that should be linked to, and interpreted at, the historical park.
(B) Inclusion.—On a determination by the Secretary under subparagraph (A) that an additional site is appropriate for inclusion in the historical park, the Secretary may, with the consent of the owner of the applicable site, incorporate the applicable site into the historical park by publishing notice in the Federal Register of the inclusion of the site in the historical park.

(3) Consultation.—The general management plan under paragraph (1) shall be prepared in consultation with—

(A) any owner of land that is included within the boundaries of the historical park; and

(B) appropriate Federal and State agencies, public and private organizations, and individuals, including—

(i) the National Chávez Center; and

(ii) the César Chávez Foundation.

SEC. 5. FARMWORKER PEREGRINACION NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL.

Section 5(a) of the National Trails System Act (16 U.S.C. 1244(a)) is amended by adding at the end the following:
“(31) Farmworker Peregrinacion National Historic Trail.—

“(A) In general.—The Farmworker Peregrinacion National Historic Trail (referred to in this paragraph as the ‘trail’), a route of approximately 300 miles taken by farmworkers between Delano and Sacramento, California, in 1966, as generally depicted as ‘Alternative C’ in the study conducted by the National Park Service entitled ‘Cesar Chavez Special Resource Study and Environmental Assessment’ and submitted to Congress on October 24, 2013.

“(B) Map.—A map describing the trail shall be on file and available for public inspection in the appropriate offices of the National Park Service.

“(C) Administration.—The trail shall be administered by the Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with—

“(i) other Federal, State, Tribal, regional, and local agencies; and

“(ii) the private sector.

“(D) Land Acquisition.—The United States shall not acquire for the trail any land or interest in land outside the exterior boundary
of any federally managed area without the consent of the owner of the land or interest in land.

“(E) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—The Secretary of the Interior may enter into cooperative agreements with interested entities to provide for the preservation, development, interpretation, and use of the trail.”